

Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



DAILY MASS

Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Saint Hedwig 4:30 PM

Saint Patrick 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

Saint Hedwig 9:00 AM

Saint Patrick 8:00 & 10:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

Anticipation

Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM

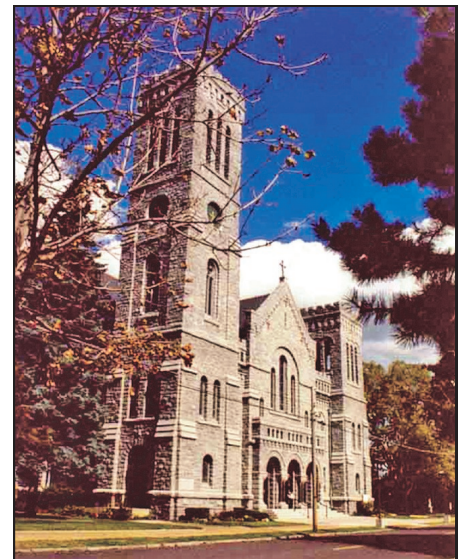
Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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Erie, PA 16507

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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.



Today is the Second Sunday of Lent and we hear again from Genesis as our first reading. Israel's history begins when seventy-five year old Abraham agrees to leave everything he knows and loves for a promised land he's never seen. A new moment in history begins with Abram's "yes" to God but it comes at God's initiative. Abram need only cooperate; God will make his name great. Abram's privileged role is underscored by the fact that God will "bless those who bless" and "curse those who curse" him.

Our second letter comes from Paul's Letter to Timothy. Timothy and Titus were two disciples of Paul's whom he left behind to lead churches he had founded. Timothy, a very young man, is greeted by Paul as "my dear child." Paul is urging this young bishop to live with the same firmness of faith that has sustained him through all of his trials. Paul is writing from prison and reminds Timothy and his congregation that God saved us, not because of our own good works, but because of his own purposes. Paul is not naïve about his own future. As a Roman citizen he is both a Jew and a Christian so he is highly expendable to the empire; Paul holds no illusions about his own fate. But Christ has already "destroyed death" and offered immortality to those who believe in him. Because Paul walks in the light of the gospel, no darkness can overcome him.

A great truth of Christian spirituality declares that "life is not about you." We encounter that today in the story of the Transfiguration. Peter is moved by the moment and begins to babble that we should erect tents here only to have God interrupt him with a thundering voice from a cloud. A miracle has occurred and Peter has begun thinking how he can make it better. He's so caught up in his idea of what is the appropriate response that he neglects to make an appropriate response. The three privileged disciples are given a unique opportunity to glimpse Jesus in his fullness and accompanied by two icons of the old covenant: Moses and Elijah, one representing the law and the other the prophets. Jesus reassures the disciples when he tells them not to tell anyone of what they have seen and he concludes the instruction with another prophecy of his impending death which turns our gaze to another mountain—Calvary.

Pope Francis has written a Lenten message in which he says we "are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it." He says that destitution is not the same as poverty; destitution is poverty without faith, without hope and says there are three types of destitution: moral destitution affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity; those who lack basic rights such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to grow. Moral destitution consists of slavery to vice and sin. He speaks of the pain families experience when someone, often a young person, is addicted to alcohol, drugs, gambling, etc. and says that many of these people lose hope. He says that spiritual destitution is when we turn from God and reject his love. He invites us to embrace the gospel as the way to console broken hearts, offer hope to others experiencing darkness and bring joy into the lives of the destitute.

I don't like to harp on money, and you know I will never do it in the pulpit, but just a reminder that the CSA is underway in both parishes during Lent. I have to raise \$11,803 at St. Hedwig's and \$42,350 at St. Patrick's. Any monies we raise over that goal stays in the parish. I'm hoping that we can double our goal at St. Patrick's so that I can apply the extra income to the debt remaining from our church restoration. Any extra monies at St. Hedwig's will be used for operating expenses. All parishioners have received a letter outlining the appeal as well as a pledge envelope which you can return. I hope you'll do whatever you can with this appeal. I really need your help.

All of the pieces for the 2014 Irish Festival are now coming together and we're going to meet soon with all of the committee chairs to share with them what we've done and get their input. I think it's an exciting moment for all of us. We're going to bring the festival back to the church where it really belongs, bring a boost to downtown Erie and truly celebrate our Irish heritage in the East Bayfront. I must tell you that Erie Insurance could not be more helpful and cooperative with our venture. They are jumping in with both feet to support us in this effort, and I'm grateful for their help. We will have 24 hour security so it will not be necessary to pack up the booths each night and store things. Everything can just remain

From the Pastor's Desk continued.....

and it will be safe. We are using off-duty Erie police officers to provide security. We now have the proposal for tents, port-a-potties, etc. and are now working on the lighting. All of the tents have flaps in the event of bad weather, and we have stand-by heaters if it is cold. AND all of this is not costing us what it cost to rent a previous venue for the weekend. In fact, we have tents, lighting, port a potties and security for less than it cost us to rent what we had in the past.

Our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity are likewise bending over backwards to accommodate us for our Sunday morning brunch. We will host that event in their Parish Center on German Street between First and Second Sts. It is a mere 4 blocks from the church and convenient for families to go over after any of our Masses and have a full breakfast and brunch. It might even be good to walk over from St. Patrick's and see some of the improvements that continue to be made to this once deteriorating neighborhood.

Downtown Erie as well as the city are being very helpful even to providing trash removal, permits for everything, etc. They will come and pick up our trash, etc. There are going to be mix-ups and a few things we do wrong, but we'll get there. One of the nicest things about this is seeing everyone working together on a new and exciting idea that can help invigorate downtown Erie.

The entire project is something completely new and a lot of work; but it's exciting. Thinking outside the box and reinventing "the way we always did things" brings a great deal of enthusiasm. Rick Filippi was telling me recently how the original festivals were held downtown near Sullivan's on Third and French Streets and how they closed French Street for the event.

Red Skelton's recipe for the perfect marriage: We always hold hands. If I let go she shops.... I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always.'.....I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.....The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust."..... Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Dorothy Mielnik, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Dolores & family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of my father **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$855.00** and Fuel & heat update **\$701.00**. Thank you and God bless.

St. Hedwig Parish received a generous donation in memory of **Amanda Juchno** from Curtis Amick Jr. and Mary Lynn Kemick.

Catholic Services Appeal

The Catholic Services Appeal is now underway. To date **\$2,550.00** has been pledged. Our assessment goal is \$11,083. Please help your parish with this assessment. You always have in the past. Any excess pledged stays at St. Hedwig's.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent here at St. Hedwig's at 5:30pm. This is one way we can draw closer to Our Lord this Holy Season.

Lenten Dinners

Stop at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons every Friday from 4 until 7pm for a delicious meal of fish, pierogi, and more.

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

The breakfast will be held Sunday, April 6 following the 9am mass at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. Tickets available before and after each weekend Mass March 22/23. Adults tickets are \$8.00 and cost of children tickets (ages 5-10) are \$4.00. There is no charge for children under 5. For more information call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467. We will be selling chances on several theme baskets to be raffled at the breakfast. It's a great way to start the day, so bring your family and friends.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	March 22	March 23
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Rossi	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Dan Jarzomski
	Michelle Moskel	Pete Pentz
Altar	Nowosielski Family	Charlotte Mabie
Servers		



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$7,837.18**, and **\$647.00** from online giving for a total of **\$8,484.18**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound.

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor the donations were made: The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Kay Goulet** from Annie & Brian Candela The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Trish** from Jeff Hardner; in memory of **Dominic & Mary Masenas** from Denise & Philip Rewers; in memory of **Mary Ann Welsh** from Denise, Jan and Doreen; in memory of **Nicolas Maly** from Sophie Maly & Family; in memory of **Dennis Bailey** from Patricia Schmidt also donations from Timothy Torrey, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Judy & Phillip Kelly, Mary Lou & Don Zone, Rev. Thomas Hoderney & Nancy Yochim.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Habas, Jay Habas,
Chris Sanner

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Alex Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Mary Williams,
Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Tom Welch, Dave Wilcox,
John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

We are working on the **April** ministers' schedule. We need to know availability for April and especially Palm Sunday and Easter weekend. Please contact us before March 24th. Call or email the office with your availability. If anyone is interested in joining a ministry, please contact the office at 454-8085, ext. 1. We really need altar servers—adults or children. If you or your child are interested, please call the office at the number listed above. Training is provided.

FESTIVAL NEWS: Organizing of the Erie Irish Festival for 2014 began a few weeks ago. Our goal is to get an early start on organizing so we can reduce the last minute flurry of activity. We need parish members to lead the various committees for the Festival to be held Sept. 19 thru 21. This is our major parish fund raiser and we need your help. If you would consider doing this, contact Angie Kontur at angie.k1@verizon.net or 434-9653.



St. Patrick welcomes these new parishioners:

William and Carol Bloomstine, Andrew Harbin, Jennifer Marz, Kate Nash, Robert and Deborah Masi, and Sarah Smallwood.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4a

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1L8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



In today's Gospel Peter, James, and John join Jesus on the mountain top in a special experience of truth, beauty, and light; they wanted to stay there forever, but life must go on. And they had to once again engage in daily life. In both the mountaintop experiences and in the flat ground and valley experiences we can be sure of God's loving presence. Being faithful to listening for him, we will find our lives being transformed.

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!





Baptisms at Saint Patrick's

Photos by Paul Lorei



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*AND, AFTER
THE CHAOS,
ANOTHER BAPTISM.*

*WELCOME TO LUCA
ANTHONY
SPITZNOGLE,
SON OF
MATTHEW AND ANN
SPITZNOGLE*



LITURGY INTENTIONS**March 15** *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent*

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM FRAN MANGO THOMPSON - ST.P
(CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)**March 16** *Second Sunday of Lent*8:00 AM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY - ST.P
(MARY LOU & DICK FORAN)9:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA - ST.H
(PETER & JUDY PENTZ)10:30 AM KATHERYN & RONALD ANGELOTTI - ST.P
(FAMILY)**March 17** *Monday, Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick's Day*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 18 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*8:00 AM HARRIET MICHALSKI
(POLISH FALCON NEST #610)**March 19** *Wednesday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*8:00 AM DAN & BARB MCCARTHY
(MOTHER-IN-LAW, MARY MCCARTHY)**March 20** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*8:00 AM CATHY & JOHN BAKER, SPECIAL INTENTION,
(HAMOT OUT PATIENT UNIT)**March 21** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM AMANDA JUCHNO (ANNA FLANAGAN)

March 22 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*

4:30 PM CHET LONCKI (MRS. REGINA LONCKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (RICH RAID) - ST.P

March 23 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (BILL & GINNY MCGINNIS) - ST.P

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKY) MABIE - ST.H
(TOM, CAROL, & KATIE KURPIEWSKI)10:30 AM MADELINE STEPHANY - ST.P
(JOE & MORA NILAND GREEN)**DATES TO REMEMBER**

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory, CV=Convent

03/15 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/16 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary
NO Religious Education Classes Grade 7-10
5:00 PM Knights & Ladies Mass—St.P**03/18** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/19** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**03/20** 10:00 AM Scripture Study - Church**03/21** 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross—St. Hedwig's**03/22** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/23 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



**We thank Tipperary Irish Tours
for advertising in our parish bulletin.
See their ad on the back of the bulletin.**

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM
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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory